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FOR : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A THREE-PIECE
DESIGN OF A MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY

GROUP ART UNIT : 2652

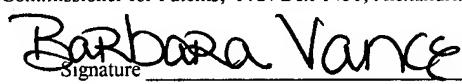
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, please cancel claims 1-9, (Group I) in this Divisional application leaving claims 10-33, (Group II), prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-9, (Group I) in the parent application and filed this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims 10-33, (Group II). This application claims benefit of the March 13, 2002 filing date of the parent application

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.